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T-CRAFT AERO CLUB

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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General Information

General Membership Meeting:

30 September 2008, 7:00 p.m., EAA/CAP Building

Board Meeting:

14 October 2008, T-Craft Hangar, 7:00 p.m.

Ground Classes:

23 October 2008, 7:00 p.m., T-Craft Hangar, "[Risk Management](#)"

Fuel Reimbursement Cost for September 2008: \$4.95/gal.

Members who have purchased fuel "out of pocket" can deduct this price per gallon from their bill, or the Billing Director can credit the amount on their statement. Include a copy of the receipt with T-Craft payment.

[Club planes should ALWAYS be fueled with our fuel cards, unless off site.]

[Answers](#) concerning our Club, Policies, or even locating a **New Member Application Form** for your friend or family member can be found [HERE](#).

Aircraft Maintenance

NOTICE: Information below may or may not be accurate. Consult Schedule Master and clipboards on hangar wall for the most recent information concerning your aircraft.

[375](#): Nothing to report.

[686](#): Eleven hours TBO. Watch Schedule Master for 25 hour oil changes. Engine compression checks are good.

[64L](#): Nothing to report.

[91X](#): Transponder squawked as non-functional.

[0YD](#): Beacon out; bulb ordered.

[93S](#): H.I. occasionally inoperable. Carburetor replaced. Windshield squawked.

NOTICE! Your aircraft must be properly signed out, including the correct designation; for example, local, cross country, maintenance, replacement aircraft search, etc. If an aircraft moves, breathes, or sneezes, it **MUST** be

Special Announcements

All new members approved by the Board of Directors this summer **MUST ATTEND** the upcoming General Membership Meeting to be formally accepted as Members of T-Craft Aero Club. Failure to do so will result in suspension of scheduling in Schedule Master, or possible termination. Call or e-mail any Board Member if you cannot attend.

Congratulations **Mike Eicher!** You just earned your instrument rating!

The August Hangar Party group installed permanent wheel chocks, and applied a fresh yellow line outside our hangar doors. Thanks for a great job!

We are interested in stories and/or pictures of trips from the membership! Please remit to secretary@t-craft.org or call Jeff Vanhoozer (ph: 861-3972).



Reggie Sellers sent us a photo of a Corn Maze promoting Ronald McDonald House Charities. Thanks again, Reg.

Reminders

Park your vehicles away from the T-Craft hangar, especially if it does not fit between the concrete drain and the building.

Take pride in your hangar. Pick up after

correctly documented for maintenance and billing.

Got a squawk? Write the tachometer time on the Squawk Sheet. Use the Hobbs time for all other recordings.

Aircraft components and locks are very sensitive. Slamming doors and forcing keys to operate seriously harms latches and security devices.

From the Membership Director

by Jeff Beers

Use Your Check List

By now you have probably heard that an aircraft recently landed at Nampa with its gear up. The incidence reminded me about using checklists. If you have flown an aircraft often enough, it's easy to become complacent about using check lists. This kind of attitude can lead to accidents -- like forgetting to put down the landing gear, or taking off with the flaps still down from the preflight.

Checklists are impossible to memorize. There are different checklists for different aircraft. They are meant to go over, item by item, so you don't forget to check something.

The checklists also have checks for different stages of flight. Most pilots complete the **Before Takeoff** section, and then put the checklist away until the next flight. The checklist contains **Preflight, Before Takeoff, Cruise, Before Landing, Landing, After Landing** and **Shut Down** portions that should be checked.

We are told to lean for taxing. How many lean after a landing as you taxi back from the end of

yourself.

Delete the remainder of any unused flight time from Schedule Master immediately after landing. Somebody may be able to use that time.

Catch your sumped fuel. Not only is it a safety hazard to you and your aircraft, but the EPA may be monitoring the field. Sump the fuel into a **CLEAN** catch can, then pour the fuel back into the tank through the strainer/filter (located in your aircraft).

Keep the bellies on our ladies clean. Read "Aircraft Oil Usage" on the T-Craft Website for more information.

If you had a momentous arrival, monitor 121.5 after landing - and before shutdown - to be sure the ELT in your aircraft hasn't been activated.

Look cool wearing your T-Craft emblazoned cap and shirt that you bought from [Bulldog Shirt Shop](#). Located on 12th Avenue Road South, Nampa, Idaho, they have our logo and will put it on any item in their catalog.

Post Post Flight Check List: a) Clean all glass -- inside and out, including suction cup smudges on interior windows. b) Clean and pick up trash in cockpit and cargo bay. c) Vacuum carpet. d) Clean all leading edges, including wing and main gear spring struts, flaps leading edges, cowl chin, rear empennage leading edges, propeller, spinner, and wheel pants. e) Remove the Aircraft Checklist from your kneepad and return to the aircraft.

T-Craft Members are responsible for keeping their contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, postal address) updated in [Schedule Master](#). To check or update your contact information, login to Schedule Master, click the "User" tab at the top, then click the link that says "Click here to edit your user info" which appears just above the list of users. AVEMCO will remove your name from their insured list for failing to keep your License and Medical

the runway? It's on the after landing checklist.

How many times have you got in the plane and the lights are on and the radios are on? Once again, part of the shut down portion of the checklist.

Next time you fly, become familiar with all of the parts of the checklist and use it during your flight. Don't be in a hurry or think "I don't need a checklist." Flying comes with a responsibility and part of that is to "read the directions". We all know what happens when we don't.

Fly safe.

Jeff Beers

There is no waiting list! Summer is a great time to recruit more members. Our aircraft **LOVE** to fly students and veteran pilots alike. Tell your friends about T-Craft -- ***"Putting Wings On Your Dreams!"***

Please let [Jeff Beers](#) know when you earn new wings levels, or pass other milestones like first solo, new ratings, etc.

From the Board

The Board of Directors has decided not to make any changes at this time in Schedule Master concerning [Standby Scheduling](#). Members are encouraged to communicate with one another to assure cooperation and courtesy.

If life is too exciting, you can ask any Board Member for a copy of any of the Minutes, or you can e-mail the Secretary ([Jeff Vanhoozer](#)), and have a copy sent right to your home.

Gift Certificates are available. Contact the Board of Directors for more information.

Certificate current, and you WILL be suspended in
Schedule Master.

Got something aviation **you want to sell**? Post it
in the T-Craft Newsletter. Send your
advertisement to the Secretary, [Jeff Vanhoozer](#)